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Dear Wife:

I have just arrived here from Springfield, having ridden all night long, and feeling a good deal fatigued for lack of sleep. I am hospitably entertained by Hon. Cyrus Ball, Cashier of the Union National Bank, whom I found kindly waiting for me, with Mr. Joseph White, (by whom I was invited to lecture here,) at the depot at an early hour on my arrival. His wife is a very pleasant and social lady. They live in a handsome style, and will see that all my needs are cared for.

My right eye is much improved in appearance, the ophthalmia gradually lessening. I am also better of my hoarseness, though not in good speaking order. I have yet a heavy consecutive load to carry. First, I am to lecture here this evening; to-morrow evening at Indianapolis; Wednesday evening at Richmond; Thursday and Friday evenings at Cincinnati; Saturday and Monday evenings at Pittsburgh. It is too great a strain, but I must try to go through with it.

I found here a letter from William, enclosing one from Mr. Travelli at Pittsburgh, and another from William R. Hooper at Washington. I have written to the former that I shall leave Cincinnati, at the close of my Friday evening lecture, in the night train for Pittsburgh, and so shall be able to attend the Freedmen's Aid meeting there on Saturday evening. I shall have to decline the invitation to Washington, as I must hurry home from Philadelphia; and yet there is to be a special and very important meeting of the American Freedmen's Aid Commission at Washington, Dec. 13th, and a public meeting in its behalf in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at both of which I am expected to be present, and which I should like very much to attend. But I must decline doing so. The Liberator demands my return.

For three weeks the weather has been uninterruptedly bright and glorious. I never have had such luck before, and no sign of a change yet.

They have here no decent hall for a lecture, but a very fine and spacious one is in process of completion. I do not anticipate much of an attendance, as I do not speak in behalf of any association.

I enjoyed myself at Springfield highly. — Mr. Herndon and his wife were very kind and attentive, and I was introduced to a number of prominent citizens, including Gov. Oglesby. My meeting there, on Saturday evening, in the Representatives' Chamber, numbered only two hundred persons, but they were the cream of the cream of the city — the Governor and his Staff, military officers of various grades, lawyers, merchants, ministers, &c. My lecture elicited much applause, and though two hours' long, (incorrigible man!) riveted their close attention from beginning to end. I took tea, on Saturday evening, with Rev. Mr. Hale, a Presbyterian minister, a most amiable man and warm abolitionist, who resembles Adin Ballou in his looks, voice and manner almost like a twin brother. To reciprocate his courtesy, I went with Mr. Herndon to hear him preach yesterday forenoon. In the afternoon I walked out to Oak Ridge Cemetery with Mr. H., where the remains of Mr. Lincoln lie entombed. It is a most charming place, and quite equal, if not superior, in its natural features, to Mount Auburn. There are but few monuments as yet. There was quite a throng of visitors, and many carriages, and a good many colored persons. What multitudes will

yet visit that spot in the course of time! The place selected for Mr. Lincoln's monument is admirably chosen, but it will be a good while before the monument is erected. Sufficient funds have not been received by a good deal.

Calling at the house of the keeper of the grounds, (who was absent,) I recorded my name in a huge volume already numbering thousands of names, and purchased several card photographs. The good wife voluntarily went with us to Mr. Lincoln's tomb, unlocked the door, and let us see the coffin, draped and festooned. Until within a week, the tomb has been constantly guarded by soldiers. The coffin is to be removed to a new tomb very shortly, above ground, instead of inside of a bank.

Mr. Herndon, as the bosom friend and law partner of Mr. Lincoln for many years, has told me many interesting facts and anecdotes about him - all going to raise him still more highly in my estimation.

I am rejoiced to hear that Harry has been able to visit Rockledge, and no doubt the pleasure was mutual all round. Ask Fanny if it was not exquisite in her own case. God bless them both, and you and our loving household! Ever yours, W. L. G.